

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 24 public bills, H.R. 3329–3352; 5 private bills, H.R. 3353–3357; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 366–368 were introduced. **Pages H6106–07**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6107–08**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 3020, to extend the existence of the Parole Commission (H. Rept. 109–176); **Page H6105**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Dr. Jerry C. White, Pastor, Riverside Baptist Church in Greer, South Carolina. **Page H5965**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:08 a.m. for the purpose of receiving Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. The House reconvened at 11:30 a.m., and agreed that the proceedings had during the Joint Meeting be printed in the Record. **Page H5965**

Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of the Republic of India: The House and Senate met in a joint session to receive His Excellency Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of the Republic of India. He was escorted into the Chamber by a committee comprised of Representatives DeLay, Blunt, Shadegg, Doolittle, Ros-Lehtinen, Tom Davis of Virginia, Jindal, Pelosi, Hoyer, Menendez, Lantos, Faleomavaega, Pallone, and Crowley; and Senators Frist, McConnell, Stevens, Thomas, Martinez, Reid, Durbin, Stabenow, and Sarbanes. **Pages H5965–66**

Foreign Relations Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 2006 and 2007: The House began consideration of H.R. 2601, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2006 and 2007. Further consideration will continue tomorrow, July 20. **Pages H5972–H6074**

Pursuant to the rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on International Relations, now printed in the bill and modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 109–175, was considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. **Pages H5990, H6025**

Agreed to:

Hyde manager's amendment (no. 1 printed in H. Rept. 109–175) that makes technical revisions and minor changes and amendments to clarify certain provisions, and correct oversights and errors found after the bill was reported; **Pages H6025–27**

Dreier amendment (no. 3A made in order under section two of the rule) that provides for the authorization to establish an Active Response Corps to pro-

vide assistance in support of stabilization and reconstruction activities in foreign countries or regions that are in, are transitioning from, or are likely to enter into, conflict or civil strife; **Pages H6039–41**

Poe amendment (no. 4 printed in H. Rept. 109–175) that authorizes funding through the Migration and Refugee Assistance account to provide emergency aid to the internally displaced people of Burma; **Pages H6041–42**

Poe amendment (no. 5 printed in H. Rept. 109–175) that amends the Foreign Service Act to strengthen the statutory basis of the Department's requirement for world-wide availability for new entrants to the Foreign Service; and clarifies the medical policies regarding applicants; **Page H6042**

Burton amendment (no. 7 printed in H. Rept. 109–175) that authorizes the transfer of two aircraft to the government of Columbia for use by the Columbian Navy to disable ships carrying cocaine and heroin; **Pages H6042–44**

Souder amendment (no. 11 printed in H. Rept. 109–175) that authorizes funding for INL to purchase or lease a maritime refueling support vessel capable of refueling U.S. and allied vessels engaged in drug interdiction in the Eastern Pacific transit zone; **Page H6048**

Hyde amendment (no. 13 printed in H. Rept. 109–175) that authorizes measures to deter arms transfers by foreign countries to the People's Republic of China; **Pages H6052–56**

Ackerman amendment (no. 14 printed in H. Rept. 109–175) that raises the authorized level for the State Department program which provides for reimbursement to localities for services provided for the protection of foreign missions and officials; and authorizes back payments to New York City for expenses incurred since 2002; **Page H6056**

Blunt amendment (no. 15 printed in H. Rept. 109–175) that declares that it is U.S. policy to oppose the creation of any international or global taxation by the UN; and that no U.S. person shall be subject to such a tax; **Pages H6056–57**

Lantos amendment (no. 16 printed in H. Rept. 109–175) that provides for equal treatment of employees of the State Departments who are residents of U.S. territories in the personnel policies of the Department; and permits the same reimbursements for travel of dependents of Department employees from overseas station to public universities in the territory of the employee's legal residence; **Page H6068**

Burton amendment (no. 17 printed in H. Rept. 109–175) that requires the Secretary of State to conduct a cost-benefit analysis on how best to use American security assistance dollars to thwart alien smuggling, trafficking in person, and possible terrorists entering from Ecuador; **Pages H6068–69**

Lantos amendment (no. 18A made in order under section two of the rule) that expresses concern about language in the declaration of the Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization; **Pages H6069–70**

Smith of New Jersey amendment (no. 19 printed in H. Rept. 109–175) that withholds funding to the UN for any of its agencies or committees headed by nations on the State Department's terrorist watch list; **Page H6070**

Hyde amendment (no. 2 printed in H. Rept. 109–175), as modified by unanimous consent agreement, that adds the Henry J. Hyde United Nations Reform Act of 2005, as passed by the House, to the bill (by a recorded vote of 226 ayes to 195 noes, Roll No. 385); **Pages H6027–39, H6057–68, H6070–71**

Kennedy of Minnesota amendment (no. 8 printed in H. Rept. 109–175) that requires the State Department to annually certify that the five biggest exporters and importers of certain methamphetamine precursors are “fully cooperating” with U.S. law enforcement to prevent diversion of these chemicals for illicit purposes (by a recorded vote of 423 ayes to 2 noes, Roll No. 386); **Pages H6044–46, H6071–72**

Hooley amendment (no. 9 printed in H. Rept. 109–175) that directs the Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) to make a priority of stemming the influx of methamphetamine from Mexico; and directs INL to improve border security (by a recorded vote of 424 ayes to 1 no, Roll No. 387); **Pages H6046–47, H6072**

Souder amendment (no. 10 printed in H. Rept. 109–175) that requires a report on extradition requests for Afghans who have committed violations of narcotics laws in the U.S. (by a recorded vote of 426 ayes to 1 no, Roll No. 388); and **Pages H6047–48, H6073**

Smith of New Jersey amendment (no. 12 printed in H. Rept. 109–175) that expands activities to treat and prevent obstetric fistula, and provide access to contraceptive services and family planning; and makes these activities discretionary rather than obligatory (by a recorded vote of 223 ayes to 205 noes, Roll No. 389). **Pages H6050–52, H7073–74**

H. Res. 365, the rule, as amended, providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by recorded vote of 228 ayes to 190 noes, Roll No. 384, after agreeing to order the previous question on the amendment and the rule by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 383. **Pages H5972–82**

Presidential Messages: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted the District of Columbia's Fiscal Year 2006 Budget Request Act—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–47). **Page H6074**

Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the continuation of the national emergency and related measures blocking the property of certain persons and prohibiting the importation of certain goods from Liberia—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–48). **Page H6074**

Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary Commission: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representative Castle to the Benjamin Franklin Tercentenary Commission. **Page H6074**

Surface Transportation Extension Act: The House passed H.R. 3332, to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. **Pages H6087–91**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H6074, H6103.

Senate Referrals: S. 335 was referred to the Committee on Education & the Workforce; S. 1413 was referred to the Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure; S. Con. Res. 26 was referred to the Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure. **Page H6103**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One ye-a-and-nay vote and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5981–82, H5982, H6071, H6071–72, H6072, H6073, H6073–74. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MILITARY RECRUITING AND RETENTION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on the Current Status of Military Recruiting and Retention. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: David S. C. Chu, Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness; Thomas F. Hall, Assistant Secretary, Reserve Affairs; LTG Franklin L. Hagenbeck, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G–1, Headquarters, Department of the Army; VADM Gerald Hoewing, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education), Department of the Navy; LTG H.P. Osman, USMC,